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Docket No: 1313/1E290-US2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James WESTPHAL; John P. ERSPAMER; Shiu-Kang Laurence LI

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of
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February 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: